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Applicants: Manolagas et al.

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For: **METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INCREASING BONE MASS**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement and Office Action mailed June 24, 2002 in the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks. A Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time and a check for \$720.00 are enclosed. Although no additional fees are believed by the Applicants to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any requisite fees to Deposit Account No. 11-0980.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 5, 8 and 38-45 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims.

1. (amended) A method for increasing bone mass at least 10% in a host without a loss in bone strength or quality comprising administering an effective amount of a compound that (i) binds to the estrogen α or β receptor (or the equivalent receptor in the host animal) with an association constant of at least 10^8 M^{-1} ; (ii) (a) induces estrogenic gene transcriptional activity at a level that is no greater than 10% that of 17β -estradiol when administered *in vivo* at

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